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NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY ADDS NEW MEMBERS

By MERLE WEISS

The National Honor Society has once again accepted applicants who have fulfilled its basic entrance requirements. Whereas Arista is a New York City organization, the National Honor Society is a nation-wide organization whose members, (those who attain an average of ninety percent) are eligible to compete for the numerous scholarships made available to them.

The following is a supplementary list of students who have met the admission requirements of the National Honor Society: Wendy Aronson, Irvin Barnett, Karen Barondess, Richard Barrett, Loretta Bendis, Selma Berlowitz, Richard Cahn, Marian Cantor, Marc Chaikin, Jonny Chaves, Dorothy Compton, Matthew Cooper.

Ellen Cohen, Lucille De Chiaro, Harold Dembo, Michele Dubron, Norman Feinstein, Gloria Feldman, Teddy Fischkin, Bert Flugman, Ina Gelfman, Jeffrey Gerstin, Rochelle Goldin, Michael Goluber, Harold Gross, Jane Gruber, Warren Heller.

Brenda Herman, Ada Janow, Jayne Kahn, Judy Katz, Joseph Kendler, Harry Klein, Carol Lawrence, Marlene Lederman, Susan Lerner, Carroll McCorkey, Phyllis Morel, Marsha Pershan, Marylou Portnoy, Raymond Roos, Adrienne Rosenstein.

Marilyn Rubin, Sara Rudner, Jeffrey Sadock, Ellen Schaps, Sandy Scheiner, Myra Schurr, Meri Seinfeld, Iris Sexter, Carl Shames, Frances Shapiro, Anita Silberman, Michael Silverstein, Dale Solkow, Marie Sollitto, Richard Sollitto, Richard Stern.

Howard Sternberg, Diane Stessel, Sara Stilly, Judy Stutman, Barbara Takce, Sandra Tobin, Gloria Van Straten, Martha Vogel, Gloria Weinberg, Emily Weissler, Madeline Weissman, Lenni Weitzman, Arthur Wieselthier, Maida Weisenthal and Janice Winkelman.

To qualify for the National Honor Society, students are required to have an overall average of at least ninety percent.

Anderson Receives Plaque; Commissioners View Concert

By PATTI ASH

Marion Anderson personally accepted Midwood's annual F.D.R. award on Tuesday evening, April 21, at the Brooklyn Academy of Music.

F.D.R. Commissioner, Charlotte Siegel, presented Miss Anderson with a large plaque which read: "1959 Franklin Delano Roosevelt Award—To Marion Anderson—From the student body of Midwood High School for outstanding achievement in the field of human rights."

Before the presentation, Charlotte wrote a note to the star, explaining briefly about the award. After watching a superb performance by Miss Anderson, Charlotte, accompanied by five Midwood students, went backstage where the singer was signing autographs.

Spring Concert Dates, May 21-23

The orchestra, band, mixed chorus, girls' chorus, boys' chorus and the Kensington choral group, the Choraliers, will participate in Midwood's annual Spring Concert, May 21, 22, 23, at 8:30 P.M., in the school auditorium.

This year, since musical societies throughout the nation are commemorating the 200th anniversary of the death of the composer, Handel, the girls', boys', and mixed choruses, under the direction of Mr. N. G. Levine, together with the orchestra, led by Mr. Benjamin Chancy, chairman of the music department, will perform the "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's oratorio, "The Messiah," as the finale of the concert.

The Spring Concert will also honor the 100th anniversary of the birth of Victor Herbert. Although Irish by birth, Victor Herbert attained recognition as an American composer. The orchestra, under the baton of Mr. Chancy, will render selections from some of Herbert's works.

On alternating nights, soloists Mary

Lou Portnoy and Mark Osman, accompanied by the orchestra, will play Mendelssohn's "Piano Concerto in G Minor."

In a somewhat lighter vein will be three selections performed by the band



Mr. Chancy Rehearses Orchestra for Concert.

under the direction of Mr. Marvin Rosenberg. They will play the overture from "Orpheus in the Underworld," by Offenbach, the suite from

"Porgy and Bess" by George Gershwin, and Leroy Anderson's "The Rakes of Mallow."

The Kensington Choraliers, led by Mrs. Sylvia C. Heller, will perform at the Spring Concert for the first time in their two-year history. Their selections are: Handel's "Thanks Be to Thee, O Lord", a Negro spiritual, "Hear Me Pray", arranged by Bron-Wright, and the Arioso from "Cantata Con Stromenti."

The mixed chorus, led by Mr. N. G. Levine, will sing in addition to the aforementioned "Hallelujah Chorus", the "Pilgrim's Chorus" from Richard Wagner's "Tannhauser", "Let All the Nations" by Leisring, Lvovsky's "Gospodi Pomilui" (Lord Have Mercy), a Negro spiritual, "Ole Arks a 'Moverin'", and another Negro song, "Ain't a Shame."

Boys' chorus, under the direction of Mrs. Bella Tillis, will offer the following choral selections; "El Grillo" by Jasquin Du Pres, "Stout Hearted Men" by Sigmund Romberg, three love songs, and two spirituals—"Rock a' My Soul" and "Ride The Chariot."

Girls' chorus, directed by Mr. David Gottlieb, chose Tchaikowsky's "None But The Lonely Heart", "Lift Thine Eyes" by Mendelssohn, a Negro spiritual, "I know the Lord," and the Spanish folk-song, "Estrellita", as their repertoire.

Junior Prom May 29; Santulli and Fleiss Pick 22 to Run Fete

Midwood's junior class will hold its annual prom in the girls' gym on May 29.

The central motif at the prom will be Hawaiian. Linda Santulli, sixth term president, feels this will "create an exotic atmosphere." She further asserts that "although our possibilities in the gym are limited, the prom committee still has a chance to create something."

The Junior Prom Committee, which initially hoped to hold the dance at an outside location was unable to do so for lack of a faculty advisor. The prom, in the gym, will be under the supervision of the City of Midwood.

Out of over fifty applicants for the Junior Prom Committee the twenty-two selected by the sixth term and vice-president were: Carol Susan Bearman, Andrew Cederbaum, Royce Feld, Nancy Goldin, Jane Herkin.

Adele Hoffman, Shelly Hoffman, Rita Ingber, Irma Laufer, Lenore Lott, Norma Padow, Eva Penny, David Plavin, Liz Reiss, Sue Romer, Ira Rosenblum, Ellen Schaps, Stan Seeman, Margery Sorock, Raymond Sussman, Maida Weisenthal.

Linda Santulli reported that she was "Amazed, and heartened at the large turnout of kids. I only regret that everybody who tried out didn't make it."

This dance requires semi-formal dress and will be a couple affair.

C. OF M. DISTRIBUTES CONSTITUTION REPORT

By ABBY WETTAN

Midwood students wrote our constitution over twelve years ago, when Dr. Ross was Principal of Midwood. Dr. Bernstein, then head of the social studies department, and Mr. Dobren, were the faculty advisors of B-71.

Up to this time, only students running for an office read the document. The councils and Board of Estimate relied on Mr. Grebanier's knowledge of the constitution when discussing questions of student regulation. No complete copy of the document, including changes and additions, actually existed.

Judy Simonson, executive secretary and her secretarial staff started the project. Shortly after the beginning of this term, Mayor Gary Nyman announced the appointment of Bobby Hanschu and Irma Laufer as co-com-

missioners of a special body, the Codification Commission.

These students read through ten years of records and minutes to establish which amendments the student body passed. After compiling this material, they printed four hundred copies of the constitution.

Judy Simonson explained, "I consider this project a success even if only five students in each homeroom read the Constitution displayed on their bulletin board. Perhaps by understanding the laws that govern them, they will become more interested in student government activities and functions."

Bruce Saypol, comptroller, worked with Gary Nyman to publish a complete budget of this term's expenditures. The document contains the allotments made by last term's administration for the various departments to use this term. Said Bruce Saypol, "Few students realize that the work of the comptroller deals mainly with formulating the budget for the term after he is in office. I am presently making plans for the fall term."

Bruce explained that the estimated income for the fall term will be approximately the same as this one's, about \$1200.

Contrary to popular belief, the main part of this income does not come from G.O. dues; it comes from sources such as Sing and other musical productions, dances, football games, and the sale of review books.

Allotments to each department, made by the Board of Estimate and approved by the councils, pay for special teaching aids and equipment.

Last term, the City of Midwood purchased new uniforms for the band, and bought two new hi-fi's for the school.

Filled with exhilaration, the presentee stated, "You don't know how much this award means to me," as Charlotte proffered the award.

Assistant Commissioner, Carolyn Hersh, then presented Miss Anderson with a recent edition of Argus featuring a story about the awards. She also gave her a copy of the school's assembly program at which Shirley Carter, friend of the star, accepted the award for her. The celebrity expressed her feelings by saying, "It was very kind of you to bring this to me. I am looking forward to reading it."

Those with Charlotte were: Judy Simonson, Midwood's executive secretary; Bruce Saypol, comptroller of the City of Midwood; Roger Fine, sports editor of Argus; and Abram Shulsky, valedictorian of the senior class.

Career Councilors Give Advice; Tell Midkids Job Opportunities

A great many Midwood students have been attending career conferences on Tuesdays, during the eighth period in room 245.

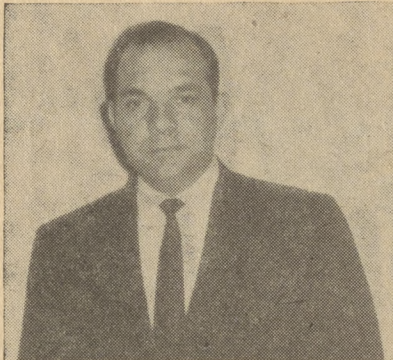
On April 14th, Mr. Carl Spielvogel, a prominent financial reporter for the New York Times, spoke on the subject, "News Reporting." Mr. Spielvogel, addressing a large and attentive audience, expressed his idea that, "A good news reporter is one because of his ability and his desire to write."

Mr. Cusmano, a representative from the Eastern School for Physicians' Aides, commented on the topic "Careers as Medical Assistants" on April 28th. This field is broken into four categories. Included are: medical laboratory technology leading to a special degree, a medical assistant course which consists of office nursing and laboratory technique, X-Ray, and a night course for those who wish to become medical secretaries. Mr. Cusmano emphasized the fact that the medical profession offers wonderful opportunities for those interested, since there is a continuous turn-over of workers.

Mechanical, chemical, electrical, and civil engineering were the important

topics discussed by a panel of experts on May 5th.

Journalism took the limelight on May 12. Doctor Jaffe, distinguished head of the Journalism Department at Long Island University was the guest speaker. Doctor Jaffe discussed all



Mr. Cusmano

phases of Journalism, the standards required of journalists, and the basic salaries.

On May 19, Doctor Patrick Rohan of Fordham University will discuss careers in law. This will end the series of conferences designed to aid the members of the student body at Midwood High School in deciding the careers to which they are best suited.

MHS. HOLDS BOOK FAIR

By GARY ENGELBERG

The Book Store Commission cooperating with Miss Shapin and Mr. Schlakman of the English department, will hold a fair in the girls' gymnasium on May 26.

The fair, which also took place last year, is now an annual event at Midwood. This term, however, Mrs. Fane and the home economics department will join in the book sale. The result is "Food Fare at the Book Fair." The theme will be "Foods in Fiction."

The sale will begin during the first period, and continue through the eleventh. During this time, each English class will proceed to the gym, where it may choose from a large variety of books, and purchase them at reduced rates.

In addition to samples of food, there will be reading matter to suit every taste. The Book Store Commission will sell hard covered books containing juvenile stories and novels as well as school books and pocket editions always available. Since there will be many books on the adult level, parents are welcome to attend.

The primary purpose of this sale is to promote interest in reading and books. It also shows the good inter-departmental relationships at Midwood.

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Tri-A Regents Prep Course

Change Curriculum; Second Term Classes First To Be Affected

By MARION PFEFFER

The class of June, 1962 is the first to be affected by New York's newly drafted requirements for diplomas and graduation.

Formerly, in order to receive an academic diploma, a student needed eighteen units, which included sixteen major units and two minor units. Nine regents credits were requisite. Now, nineteen units are essential, consisting of seventeen major units and two minor units. An additional two regents credits are imperative.

The new requirements for a commercial diploma are the same as for the academic one. The eight or nine regents credits remain unaltered. There is no change in qualifications for a general diploma.

In order to obtain an academic diploma, a student has to offer four units of social studies and at least two units of mathematics and two units of science.

There is no change in the prescribed courses for the commercial diploma. The commercial student needs a three year sequence in accounting, stenography, or merchandising, a two year group in one of those and another two year sequence in any area.

A seventy-five per cent average will permit students to carry five majors so that students may graduate in the allocated four years. Previously in Midwood, an eighty percent average was necessary.

STUDENTS ATTEND MODEL U.N.; TWO CITED FOR ACHIEVEMENTS

Fifteen Midwood students went to Providence, Rhode Island April 10, to participate in the Second East Coast Model United Nations.

Midwood represented Uruguay and Venezuela at the model conference.

Daniel Levine led the Uruguayan group which consisted of: Harold Barclay, Binnie Firestone, Peter Melnick, Howard Weinreich, Jeffrey Weiss, and Lenore Weitzman. Bruce Jacobs acted as chairman of the Venezuelan delegation whose membership included: Susan Bearman, Paul Bernstein, Barbara Gasser, David Goodman, Alice Hoffenberg, Rochelle Vernick, and Abby Wettan. Miss Mona Cowen participated as faculty advisor for this excursion.

Moses Brown School, in co-operation with Brown University, sponsored this second convocation of the East Coast Model United Nations for Secondary Schools. It consisted of an assemblage of students from different high schools in the eastern United States and Canada. They met in groups which were replicas of the United Nations' organs, including the General Assembly, the Security Council, and the Economic

and Social Council.

In the concluding exercises, Sunday, April 12, the Brown professors conferred awards on the outstanding delegates. Daniel Levine received an award for outstanding work in the General Assembly and Harold Barclay received an award for his exemplary work on the Committee on Southwest Africa.

Daniel Levine explained that, "this Model United Nations is a wonderful proving ground for the talents of the teenagers who will be tomorrow's leaders." Bruce Jacobs added, "I can only reiterate what Danny said and

add that this experience is something all of us will remember."

Perhaps, the major achievement of the Midwood delegation was securing the passage of a Uruguayan resolution through the Committee on Southwest Africa. Two resolutions that were defeated, in part because of the vigorous opposition of the Midwood delegations, were the bill to admit the People's Republic of China and the one which directed the United States to lower trade barriers between the Western and Eastern power blocs.



Left to right: Daniel Levine, Bruce Jacobs, Miss Cowen and Harold Barclay.

City Roundup... PTA Hears Dr. Levine

A combined meeting of the Parent Teachers' Association and its Executive Board took place in Midwood's library on the evening of Tuesday, April 21, at 8:15 P.M.

Included on the agenda was a call for additional nominations for officers, delegates, and alternates to the United Parents' Association and members of the Executive Board. A revised constitution was offered for discussion, further revision and informal amendment vote. In addition, Dr. Bernstein spoke on the topic "Pupil Dress and Manners."

On Tuesday, May 12, at 8:00 P.M., Dr. Lena Levine, the noted psychiatrist, marriage counselor, author and lecturer, spoke in Midwood's auditorium. The topic under discussion was "Sex Education and the Teen-Ager."

In her lecture, Dr. Levine attempted to answer such questions as, "How best can parents help in maturing their children?" and "Are we drifting to a change of morals?"

Approximately eighteen outstanding biology students recently applied for admission to several local, and at least two out-of-town institutions for the Summer Science Study Program.

Sponsored by the National Science Foundation, the project offers, free of charge, college level courses in all of the sciences. The program includes field trips and laboratory work, as well as classroom sessions.

As of April 27, no students had received acceptances from the program.

Those institutions in the metropolitan area participating in the program include: The American Museum of Natural History—Hayden Planetarium, Columbia University, Cooper Union, Hunter College, Manhattan College, the New York Botanical Gardens, New York University, and Yeshiva University.

Mr. Simon Weissman, chairman of the physical science department, is in charge of Midwood's participation in the study project.

The three highest ranking math students in Midwood, Harry Saal, Jon Savell, and Abram Shulsky, competed in a math contest at New York University on April 25.

Midwood chose these boys because of the high scores they attained in a recent math meet, and a contest sponsored by the Math Association of America.

The Math Honor Fraternity of New York University, Pi Mu Epsilon, sponsored the contest. They will award scholarships to the victors, first prize being four thousand dollars.

Kathy Lubart, a Midwood junior, won the privilege of attending this summer's scientific research session at the Jackson Laboratory in Bar Harbor, Maine. She will spend the summer doing original research and experimentation in the fields of physiology and genetics.

Each summer this institute offers two months of scientific study for a selected group of approximately twenty five high school students from all parts of

the country. Teen-agers are chosen for this project on the basis of their academic achievements and the recommendations of their faculty advisers.

Kathy is the second Midwood student ever to have been selected to attend one of these sessions.

Norman Thomas, former head of the Socialist Party, will address the Social Studies Forum on Friday, May 22.

He will speak during the eighth period in the auditorium on the topic of "World Disarmament." Mr. Thomas was a United States presidential candidate several times. He gave a similar talk at Midwood last spring.

In recent weeks several Argii participated in conferences for high school newspaper editors and staff members.

Argus Editors-in-Chief Blau and Gluck accepted a plaque for column writing from Mr. Merrill Lifton in High School Press Council Competition. The presentation followed a tour of the new Aviation High School in Flushing, Queens.

Many G.O. representatives from all over the nation will attend the National Association of Student Councils Convention at Pittsburgh, June 22-28.

During the same week, various schools throughout New York will also send delegates to the annual Syracuse Convention of Student Councils. The main objective of these meetings is to stimulate interest in and to create an awareness for student government and extra-curricular activities.

Senior Class Holds Last Skating Party; Prepares for Dance

The seniors of Midwood are now engaged in the usual end-term activities enjoyed by every graduating class.

A Senior Skating Party at Park Circle Rink, May 1, was the first event in which the upper classmen took part. Today this class celebrated its Blue Letter Day. Graduating students dressed in Midwood colors, blue and white and joined in a festival hat contest. Nine days before on Senior Day, the class attended an assembly planned by Mike Kaufman, vice-president of the eighth termers.

There, the graduating class presented Dr. Bernstein with a check for over one hundred dollars, which they collected from the wishing well placed in the Midwood lobby for the Scholarship Fund. Another feature at the assembly was the introduction of the celebrities of the class.

In the entertainment segment, there was singing and comedy. The latter included a takeoff on Lawrence Welk, and the return of Bert and Harry Piel, who achieved fame in the 1957 Junior Sing.

After the assembly, many students took their teachers' places, and conducted classes. In order to do this, the students submitted applications, with the names of the faculty members for whom they wished to substitute. The teacher then chose the boy or girl to take his or her place.

The next event on the schedule will be the senior dance. It will take place on the evening of Friday, May 15, in the girls' gymnasium. Then, on June 5, in the Main Ballroom of the Roosevelt Hotel, the long awaited Senior Prom will take place. Later on in June, a group from the graduating class will put on an original presentation known as the Senior Show.

PATTERNS PLANS FOR JUNE ISSUE UNDER JACOBSON

"Patterns" the literary-art magazine of Midwood High School, will publish its spring term edition early in June.

The publication, which attained first place honors in its division at the Columbia Scholastic Press Association Convention held in March of this year, will once more be under the faculty advisorship of Mr. Paul Gendler, a member of the English department.

The purpose of this magazine is to give several Midwood students who have an interest in art and creative writing a chance to display their talents to advantage by incorporating their work into one publication which may be enjoyed by the entire faculty and student body.

We Regret

The Midwood Argus wishes to extend sincerest sympathy to Mr. M. Cohen on the recent death of his grandson; to William Walsh on the death of his father; and to Miss Meehan on the passing of her mother. We grieve also with Mrs. Esther Kaplan on the death of her grandson.

Meet Your Teacher

"I'm a Brooklyn gal all the way!" proudly declared Miss Rita Gewant, one of Midwood's most popular social studies teachers. Born and raised in our borough, she was graduated from Lafayette High School, and is an alumna of Brooklyn College, where she received her B.A. and M.A. degrees.

This attractive, well-dressed young woman who attends every meeting of the Social Studies Forum is its faculty adviser, and its guiding spirit. "The Forum has been one of my favorite activities in Midwood," stated Miss Gewant. She added, "I have enjoyed working with this outstanding group of students that comprise it."

The Social Studies Forum, which usually meets on Friday the eighth period, has had a very successful program of prominent guest speakers during the current school year. Norman Thomas, America's leading Socialist, is scheduled to return in May. Eric Haas, editor of "The Weekly People" and Democrat Abraham Multer and Republican Jerome Schneider's debate were

two of the outstanding meetings Midwood kids attended.

Miss Gewant introduced the new constitution which, among other things, established the rules for membership and the voting privileges of the organization. This will definitely provide for the Forum's future success.



Miss Gewant

In the classroom, her popularity with the students is the result of the relaxed, informal atmosphere Miss Gewant creates. Her lessons have always been interesting, spiced with humor, and well appreciated. She has encouraged and inspired her students to think critically about local, national, and interna-

tional problems.

Energetic, Miss Gewant loves to play tennis. Her other hobbies include bridge, extensive reading, and quite naturally, politics. "I love a good debate!" she asserted emphatically.

Miss Gewant believes that in September she may be assigned to Kensington. "If that happens, I'll miss the Forum kids!" she confided to this reporter.

Our Town: New York Culture Contrasts

New York is known as the "melting pot of the world." Living in Flatbush, one sometimes questions the validity of these words. But in lower Manhattan several widely divergent cultures co-exist, mingle and yet paradoxically retain their individual identities.

Starting from a familiar point, the 8th Street Station of the B.M.T., and turning his back to the "village," a walker soon finds himself in front of the Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art. Built a century ago, this building houses the Great Hall, where Lincoln once spoke. Tuition free, Cooper Union offers a specialized education to students of engineering and art. In addition, it holds evening seminars, such as a recent series entitled "The Creative Man, Hope of the Future."

Less than a block from this vanguard of culture, one is foully greeted by the stale sights and smell of that newly remodeled thoroughfare, the Bowery. Wholesale waste of human life is evident here; doorways and cellars are cluttered by skelton-like men, who seem to have appeared from nowhere, and whose destinations are unknown. Toward suppertime, hordes of hungry men deluge the Welfare Department's Shelter.

Yiddish musical comedies like "A Hole in the Head" are still produced at the Phyllis Anderson Theatre on Second Avenue. Together with the Spanish movie house next door, it marks the few blocks of well-integrated Jewish and Puerto Rican families.

"Packages Sent to Poland" proclaims a sign in a nearby store window. For the kids playing outside; poverty is a part, but not a way of life. Although usually dressed in worn and mended clothes, the youngsters appear sud-

denly in traditional multi-colored costume for strenuous evenings of gay polkas and mazurkas at the Polish National Home.

The distance from old world to new—from dissipation to creativity—is covered in a few blocks. "Where but in Manhattan. . . ?"

Bernstein Backs Bach, Brahms, Also Digs Cool Elvis Presley

Leonard Bernstein, the conductor of the New York Philharmonic, held a press conference for High School Students. Dressed casually in a blue corduroy jacket, red shirt, grey chinos and moccasins, he came out on the stage of Carnegie Hall where he graciously answered some of our questions.

Mr. Bernstein was born in 1918. For nine years he showed no special interest in music. Then an aunt of his moved away and left an old upright piano at his house.

"I went mad about it," said he, "and have never ceased to be mad about it. I played everything I could think of—as loud as I could, with the pedal down." From then on, he knew that he would be a musician.

After he was graduated from Harvard University in 1939, he went to New York where he studied with the renowned conductor, Fritz Reiner at the Curtis Institute. Four years later, he was appointed assistant music director of the Philharmonic, and made a sensational debut, subbing for Bruno Walter. The critics hailed him as one of our great musical talents.

Since then, he has written musicals, (including the current hit, "West Side

Baby Contest Boosts Book Week

Heck—everybody was once a baby! Even teachers!—the evidence has been hanging in the school library for the past three weeks.

A contest sponsored by the library offered a prize to the student who could identify the greatest number of teacher baby pictures. Each picture hanging in the library had under it the title of the teacher's favorite book.

Anybody who entered the contest is probably by now well acquainted with its two clever sponsors—Mrs. Rossoff and Mrs. Schulsalper. Trying to coax clues from these two is an interesting task as they are both adroitly encouraging and evasive.

However, nothing lasts forever. At last comes the day when indignant contestants swarm into the library to confirm their convictions that the little, little boy on top of "The Republic" is Dr. Bernstein; that the vivacious be-curved girl over "Strange Interlude" is Miss Feinstein; and that all the long-lost babies hanging in the library are really not so mysterious after all!

But why would thirty-nine school teachers dig up and dust off their baby pictures to have them gaped and guessed at by Midwood students?

Why should the library suddenly choose such a theme as babies with which to enrich its atmosphere? Why?—It's a gimmick!

The idea is to get kids to read books. How? Well, first they see baby photos with book titles under them. They are informed that these books are the favorites of teachers. Now this makes kids curious. They look at a solemn, black-curbed, black-eyed girl over "Anna Karenina" and they say, "Didn't Mrs. Sterling recommend that?"

Once this starts them off, the kids notice these same books on display

around the library. They think, "Now I wonder what's so great about that book?" And since it's so conveniently present, they take it out. It's a gimmick!!

Anyway, somebody actually won the contest! Barbara Wurtzel guessed or calculated twenty-six names out of thirty-eight!!!!

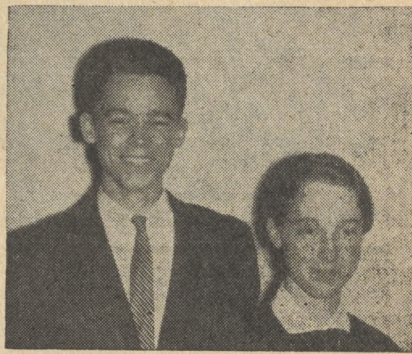
We congratulate you, Barbara, but we ask you—how? Barbara's prize? A book! What else? *Barbara Weiner*

SPOTLIGHT

Every morning at 7:15, two figures rush to catch the bus that will take them from the Floyd Bennett Field Naval Air Base to their classes at Midwood. No, they aren't two sailors doing undergraduate work, but Jimmy Newell, a Midwood Senior, and his "kid" sister Mary, a Junior, who are two of our most outstanding students.

Their father, who is the commanding officer of the base, has been stationed at some of the largest cities in the country including San Diego (where Jimmy was born), Norfolk, Seattle, New Orleans (Mary's birth place), and of course New York. In contrast, they have been stationed at such small towns as Long Beach, Mississippi, Quonset Point, Rhode Island, and Patuxent River, Maryland.

Traveling, however, is by no means their only accomplishment. They are both members of Arista and are Summa Cum Laude in their respective terms of French. The maintenance of their high average doesn't keep them from racking up a long list of extra-curricular activities. Red-haired and



Jimmy and Mary Newell

blue-eyed Mary is a member of mixed chorus and works in the college office. She has been a commission member and on the staff of "Road Ahead." Jimmy, tall, and with a blonde crew cut, has been a member of the MHS Cross-Country track team and of the math team. He also belongs to Hi-Y and is on the YMCA Church League basketball team. Among the Newells mutual interests are reading and listening to good music.

After completing this term the Newells will be off again, but for the first time in different directions. This fall, Jimmy will be attending either Yale or Annapolis, while Mary, who still has another year before college, will go to Japan where her father is being reassigned. Mary said that she will complete high school there and is "hopeful of learning Japanese."

Argus would like to wish them both good luck in their future careers.

Story") done some serious composing, appeared as solo pianist, and conducted major orchestras all over the U.S. and Europe. This summer, he will conduct the Philharmonic on a goodwill tour through Russia.

But probably his most valuable contribution to music is lecturing.

"I get so excited about it that I want everybody to share my enthusiasms." Bernstein is a popular T.V. figure, speaking on different aspects of music, and conducting "Young People's Concerts", which have met with critical acclaim.

He finds it difficult to understand hostilities to "rock n'roll".

"Rock n'roll" is like any other kind of music", he says. "There's good rock-n'roll and there's lousy rock-n'roll. I personally think that Elvis Presley's rendition of "All Shook Up" is one of the most fascinating spectacles I have ever seen." He contends that rock 'n roll is not a type of music, it's jazz with a ducktail haircut, a leather jacket, and a guitar. "It's no worse than what I used to listen to." In the brief interview, he stamped an indelible impression of himself as a brilliant and dedicated musician, an inspiration to all who work with him. *Ben Folkman*

Alumnews

Recently the Argus received reports of the election of several Midwood graduates to Phi Beta Kappa. They are Bob Scharf and Fred Fischbein of Trinity, Judy Abrams of Radcliffe, and Joan Halperin of Smith.

The mails have also sent notices of the selection of Lewis Unger, of Grinnell, as the business manager of that college's literary magazine.

Elsewhere on the college scene, Edward Friedman of Brandeis has been awarded a Woodrow Wilson Fellowship, which provides full tuition, board and the cost of books. This will enable him to pursue his East Asian studies at Harvard, as well as to gain experience in college teaching.

Stuart Posner, a senior at Princeton, has been given a United States Educational Exchange Award under the Fulbright Act. He will commence graduate study in England next year, and will study law at Oxford University.

Dick Greenspan and Marc S. Weiss (son of Midwood's math teacher) are now members of M.I.T.'s honorary electrical engineering fraternity, Eta Kappa Nu.

Dartmouth has granted Henry W. Weiss a fellowship for his senior year there. Henry is majoring in history.

Jeff Diamond, of Colgate University, has been initiated into Alpha Phi Omega, a national service fraternity.

Four Midwood grads have received New York State Regents College Teaching Fellowships. The students, who are all seniors at Brooklyn College, are: Sue Nordell, Donald Skoller, Eddie Spargo, and Paul Wehn.

Midmoods BOB SCHWARTZ

Last week I was feeling pretty sick, and I had a headache, so I called the doctor. He examined me and then proclaimed, "You'll be all right soon, it's the 24-hour virus." I believed him at first, but after spending four days in bed, I began to have doubts about the ability of the medical profession to tell time. Then the doctor told me that I would be all right soon, and not to worry, because I only had the ECHO virus, which wasn't too serious. This, he informed me, "was running around" now and everyone was getting it.

It seems that now, everything is an ECHO virus. This is the virus of the year, just like the Asian Flu virus was the most popular one last year. It's very strange, but nobody ever gets a cold anymore. It's always "The Virus." And my mother, who used to get the gripe all the time, and think nothing of it, hasn't had the gripe in five years; instead she always catches the popular virus, which invariably has symptoms like those of the old-fashioned gripe. Now, whenever somebody gets sick, and the doctors don't

know what is wrong, they go into a huddle and hurriedly christen a new virus.

It is startling to see the unanimity with which the medical men diagnose these viruses. Whenever I get sick, and think I was original and different getting a new kind of virus, I find that five of my friends have suffered from exactly the same thing. The medical societies must have held a meeting and had an election to decide which was the Virus Most Likely to Succeed. Then, the good doctors went out and spread the word, so that everybody who gets sick believes he has the

Virus. This way the doctors have eliminated five incurable diseases from their list—the cold, the gripe, the flu, the upset stomach and the "upper respiratory inflammation," and have substituted just one—the omnipresent Virus.

Sorry I can't write more, but I'm feeling a little ill. Must be a virus.

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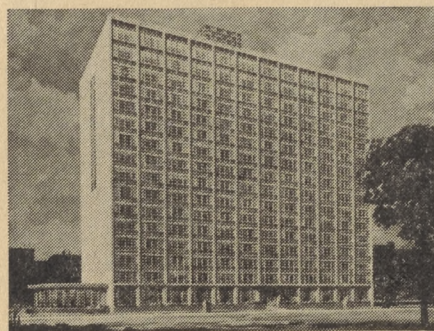
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Sportlight

"Good things come in small packages" is a popular cliché that many people believe in. Among them is Coach H. Solomon of the golf team, and his reason: five-foot, three-inch Dave Larkin.

Dave, or simply "Bump", has been a member of the golf team since his junior year and a weekend golfer since he was twelve. During this short period of time, he has had the proud distinction of three "almost" holes-in-one as well as being seeded in the second, third, and fourth positions for tournament play. His best score for a 9-hole tournament game of 37 and a personal non-tournament 18 hole score of 77, were also recorded during this period. Currently, he is the only member of the team who shoots in the high seven-

ties regularly.

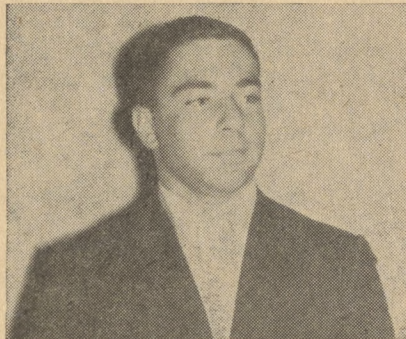
The little linksman experienced his greatest thrill when a 225 yard three wood second shot on the fifteenth hole at Dyker fell two inches from the pin. He sunk the putt for the first eagle of his career. This, along with his being elected team captain, has given him the most satisfaction from golf.

At the present time, "Bump" is waiting to hear from Bethany College in West Virginia where he plans to major in physical education. For the future, he envisions a career connected in some way with golf. This, he explains, means that either he will become a professional player or an instructor at his own school.

Although devoted to his game with the fanaticism of a master, Dave finds

time to concentrate on his other interests of bowling, eating, drama, opera, and judo wrestling.

Despite his devotion to the game,



Dave Larkin

the golf captain is opposed to having golf made a major sport on a par with football and basketball. It is his firm belief that golf is a sport of perfection and precision where there is more stress on the individual. There is a vast difference between those individuals playing the game mainly for pleasure, and those genuinely devoted to it.

Dave is looking forward eagerly to the start of tournament play. He feels that his year Midwood will see its greatest golf team, and he foresees only Brooklyn Tech as a real threat to Midwood's supremacy.

Richie Dolinger

FINALS BEGIN FOR HOME ROOM CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Midwood High School intra-murals are now in full swing, under the capable leadership of Mr. Solomon.

Since the inauguration of this tournament in the latter part of February, many soph and junior boys have taken part in the games. Sponsored by the boys' health education department, the games are played during the Wednesday long homerooms. This basketball activity has no connection with the varsity team, but rather gives those boys who are interested in the game an excellent opportunity to display their skill. Aiding Mr. Solomon and acting in the capacity of referees, are Les Siegelheim and Howie Karasack.

At the present time, the M session homerooms have completed their finals with 231M the victor over 219M on April 15. The next step is to play the A.M. homerooms for the sixth term championships as soon as their preliminaries are over. Four boys noted for their fine playing for 231M were Roger Wolfert, Joe Berzerieks, Barry Horowitz, and Marty Holleran. For 219M, Bob Cohen and Artie Morris (the Cross-Country and Indoor Track team ace) were cited.

In the A.M. session, 484A will play 234A, 303A and 213A; 433A and 231A will also compete against each other.

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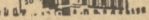
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MID-NINE BEGINS SEASON; TOPS FIRST THREE RIVALS

By BILLY GLUCK and ARCHIE SADER

Midwood's baseball team launched its 1959 league competition by collecting three smashing victories; against Wingate 14-2, Madison 4-3, and Sheepshead 14-2. Its only defeat was at the hands of Erasmus, 2-0.

Midwood started Pitcher Steve Weil in the opener with Wingate on April 13. Weil lasted four innings, giving up four hits and one walk. Richie McGoldrick, first baseman, came in to relieve him and allowed only one hit in three innings of play.

In the batting department, Denitto, Lucchese, and McGoldrick went two for three. McGoldrick drove in three runs with a triple and a homer, while Denitto was responsible for two runs on two singles. Gagliardi, batting in the number one position, had three hits for five times at the plate. Wingate's two runs were registered in the last frame.

On Thursday, April 16, Midwood beat Madison, last year's division champs, 4-3.

The Mid-nine exploded with three runs in the first inning. Richie McGoldrick doubled with bases loaded to knock in two runs. John Lucchese was hit by a pitched ball to force in the other.

The fine pitching of Steve Weil held Madison scoreless until the fourth inning, when the Highwaymen tallied three runs to tie the score.

Steve Weil, a good hitting pitcher, got a timely single with bases loaded and two out in the sixth inning, to bat in the winning run.

Next on the team's schedule was a home game against Sheepshead, a newly erected school whose varsity's inexperience was evident by generally poor fielding.

Wallmen Victorious; Golfers Start Fast

Both the handball and golf teams began their spring seasons with one of the best starts in Midwood's history. As a result of these debuts, both teams look forward to successful seasons.

On Wednesday, April 29, in its first major match of the season, the Midwood handball team downed Fort Hamilton 3-2.

Ken Holmes, a newcomer to the team, took his game 21-12. Harvey Paroff, the junior star, eased to a 21-7 victory. In the doubles, the Midwood combo of Kenny Pollack and Bruce Miller trounced their opponents by an overpowering score of 21-2, to clinch the match for Midwood.

The team has seven league contests remaining. In Coach Fried's opinion, "the only schools that may give us trouble are Tilden and Manual. However, if we had one more good player, we might have a very good opportunity to win the city championship."

Midwood's golf team, ranked as one of the city's best, got off to a flying start this spring. In the first match, against New Utrecht, Midwood won 3-2.

A week later against Grady, Captain Dave Larkin fired a phenomenal score of 37, pacing the team to a 5-0 victory. In this same match, Midwood's number two starter, Tony Gleidman shot a tremendous 38 and Artie Silvergleid came in with a 41.

Midwood scored five runs in the first inning. Catapano knocked in two on his ground rule double. With Catapano on second, Lucchese grounded out, advancing Catapano to third. Denitto sent him home as he bounced out to short. McGoldrick singled, with two out, and was driven in by Kipnis's long homer to right center.

Sheepshead scored in the second inning and again in the third on a single by Silberman and a double by Winower. The winning pitcher was Centineo for Midwood.

Midwood lost its next game to a powerful Erasmus nine, 2-0.

The only scoring came in the third inning when Erasmus connected for both its runs. In the fifth frame Midwood had three men on base with none out, but couldn't get the necessary hit to score.

Pitcher Steve Weil again did a good job at the plate by collecting two hits.

Midwood was at a deficit from the beginning of the game, playing without the services of excellent fielder and powerful hitter John Lucchese.

TRACKMEN BOW TO UTES

On April 9, the Midwood track team lost its opening meet against New Utrecht, 38-50. In spite of the defeat, the team on the whole made an excellent showing.

Artie Morris, a junior, placed first in two events. He ran the 100 yard dash in 10.8 seconds and also copped first place in the broad jump by leaping 18'4". John Berzins of Midwood took second place by jumping 17'9". Utrecht's best was a 16'11½" jump.

In the 220 yard run, Steve Fisch copped a second place by running the event in 25.6 seconds.

In the 440 yard run, Mike Rich took a second place with a 54.8 second timing. New Utrecht took first place by .1 of a second. Al Stelzer, a new member of the team, took a strong third.

In the 880 yard run, John McKenna placed second and Bob Schwager finished third.

In the mile run, Steve Marpol took an excellent first place. Utrecht missed winning the event by 11 seconds.

In the highlight of the meet, the 880 relay, Gene Robinson, Dee Tyson, Frank Bruton, and Phil Singer placed second with a 1:41.7 timing. Utrecht edged into first place by a half second margin.

In the shot put, Phil Beyer placed third for Midwood.

On Wednesday, April 29, in the first part of the meet at Brooklyn College, Johnny Berzins took third place in the pole vault, jumping 10'6". In the two medley sprint relays, Midwood did not place. The Brooklyn College Meet will be concluded on Saturday, May 2. Monday, May 4, Midwood will compete against Tilden.

Coach Solomon, extremely pleased with this showing, feels that if the golfers can continue their superb play, we will have a good chance of finishing as one of the top teams in the city.

Al Buchholtz, the only junior on the starting team, also deserves credit for his fine play in the recent matches.

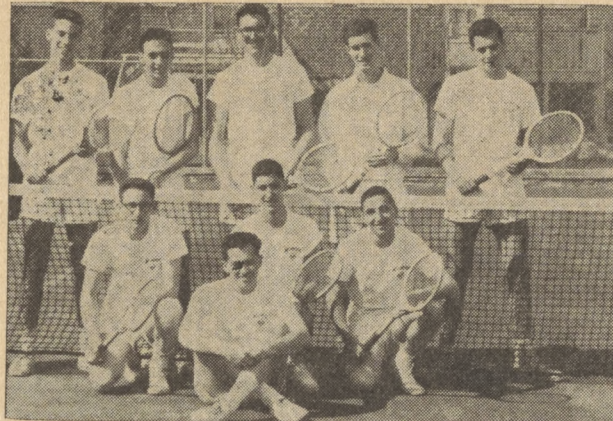
Netmen Eyeing Title

By ED FRAUWIRTH and KEN KRAMER

Midwood, long recognized as a New York tennis power, is again one of the pre-season choices for the city title.

Last year, Midwood finished its season with an undefeated slate in its division and conquered Erasmus for the Brooklyn title. The Middies went

ty Cohen, and Jeff Pomerance, the Coach feels that the remaining racket men will more than offset their loss. In addition, the annual Novice Tennis Tournament has again produced an array of new players that should strengthen the team to an even greater



TENNIS TEAM '59:

BACK ROW (l. to r.): Howard Mellow, Roger Levine, Kit Porter, Larry Lazarus, and Neil Flamm.

FRONT ROW (l. to r.): Leon Rapport, David Firestone, Pete Balbert, and Steve Rubin.

on to win the Staten Island crown, defeating Curtis, and then met their only defeat against the powerful defending champions from the Bronx High School of Science.

Although the team lost such top netmen as Eric Blum, Ross Brechner, Mor-

extent. Led by Captains Kit Porter and Pete Balbert, the Midwood courtmen boast an unusually strong nucleus. The other returning veterans are Neil Flamm, a junior and the top singles player, Ed Frauwirth, Larry Lazarus, and Roger Levine. Leon Rapport, Marc Lobel, Howard Mellow, Steve Rubin, Roy Meyers, Peter Stone, Bill Mogulescu, and Tod Gwirtzman are the first year men.

A recent change in the PSAL rulings is an added factor which may help the chances of the Blue and White. The League Committee has ruled that the high school matches under its jurisdiction will consist of three singles and two doubles matches, instead of the customary four singles and one doubles match.

Kickoff

ROY MEYERS

A Letter to a friend:

You know, that question you threw at me in your last letter is a real stumper. Your school dropped most of the major sports because not enough guys showed any interest. Like you say, why do these kids at Midwood keep coming out for the teams? What makes 'em want to play?

Well, I thought it over quite a bit just as you did. For a while, I couldn't find the answer. I even talked with a few of the guys on the teams. Somehow, they couldn't pinpoint the reason either. Oddly enough, they couldn't figure out why they had joined the team!

I do know that a team isn't a place for loafers. Many teams hold hard practice sessions after the regular school day is over. A member of the football team, for example, has to go through hours of bruising practice each day after classes. Knowing this doesn't exactly make joining a team a very inviting proposition. Then, there's another thing. You know from what I've told you in other letters that our teams don't have what you would call a habitual "winning tradition." In fact, sometimes, we are heavily overmatched. I remember how we were steamrolled 40-14 in the Boys' High football game by a much taller and heavier team. It doesn't seem too sensible for these guys to go out for a team when they know even before they start that they don't have much chance of winning.

I've heard plenty of explanations. Some of them are good and some don't hold much water. The most popular is the "jacket theory." It seems that some people think that these kids join teams because they want the right to show off in a blue and white jacket. It gives them an identity and makes them feel big. The coaches give still other explanations.

But, I think that I have found the real reason. It has been overlooked because it's so utterly simple. To put it plainly, they enjoy it. Of course, tell this to a guy who got knocked around in a gruelling practice session and he will say you're nuts. But, if you corner him when he is in a good mood and force him to think about it, he will admit that not only does he enjoy the sport, but that enjoyment was the reason he joined the team and is why he still plays on it.

THINK for a moment and you will realize how many Midwood players never thought about why they played for the various squads. They just played. Doesn't this show that we would all be a little better off if we stopped and thought for a while instead of just rushing headlong into things? Keep thinking and write soon!

Roy.